

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-15. (Canceled).

16. (Previously Presented) A method for the treatment of inflammation or wound healing in fish, amphibians or invertebrates, comprising administering to said fish, amphibians or invertebrates a preparation comprising a water soluble 1,3 and/or 1,6 beta glucan via water immersion treatment.

17.-19. (Canceled).

20. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the preparation further comprises vitamins, minerals, carotenoids, amino acids, lipids, peptides, nucleotides, bioflavinoids, oils, yeasts, algae and/or polysaccharides.

21. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the preparation further comprises vitamin C.

22. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 21 wherein the vitamin C is ascorbyl polyphosphate.

23. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the preparation further comprises an additive having bacteriostatic or bacteriocidal activity.

24.-29. (Canceled).

30. (Canceled).

31. (Previously Presented) A method for the treatment of inflammation in fish, amphibians or invertebrates, comprising administering to said fish amphibians or invertebrates a preparation comprising a water soluble 1,3 and/or 1,6 beta glucan via water immersion treatment.

32. (New) A method claimed in claim 16, wherein the treatment is wound healing.